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LOK SABHA

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BALL COPRA UNDER MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have extended financial assistance for purchasing ball copra under Minimum Support Price in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the amount earmarked; and

(c) the amount released to Karnataka during the current financial year 2001-2002?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): NAFED being the Central Nodal Agency for procurement of Oilseedsincluding Copra and Pulses under Price Support Scheme (PSS) draw funds forprocurement against cash credit limit sanctioned by Reserve Bank of India againsthypothecation of procured stocks and make the payments to the State-level designated agency against deposit of the procured stocks in warehouses. Hence, for procurement under the PSS, Government did not earmark any funds to the State Governments.

(c): During the 2001 season, NAFED procured 34,112 MTs of Ball Copra and 329MTs of Milling copra under PSS valuing Rs.129.65 crore in Karnataka against which an amount of Rs.100.71 crore has been released by NAFED.